

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2018-2019 Interim
February 15, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Gregory A. Miller, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gregory A. Miller, chairman
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Mark Mahaffey, attorney
Andrea Simmons, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

To conduct interviews of the nominees to fill the vacancy on the Board of Ethics

The members heard from the following nominees on their qualifications and interviewed them:

Karen S. Zoeller, 7475 Sevenoaks Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 439-6928.

Robert W. Grand, 539 Dunmoreland, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 573-9832.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to nominate Robert Grand to the Board of Ethics. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, and Pugh voted yea.

To review and discuss recommendations of the State Board of Election Supervisors and any other recommendations for changes to the Election Code

Kyle Ardoin, secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-2880, congratulated the chairman on his appointment and thanked the committee for the opportunity to present the annual report. He also provided information relative to the annual report that were not included in the omnibus bill (Exhibit 1).

Merietta Norton, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-0547, provided information relative to the annual report that was not included in the omnibus bill (Exhibit 1).

Sherri Wharton Hadskey, office of the secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Suite 110, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 603-8583, provided information relative to the annual report that was not included in the omnibus bill.

Update on the implementation of Act No. 636 of the 2018 Regular Session relative to registration and voting by a person convicted of a felony

Kyle Ardoin, secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-2880, provided information relative to the registration and voting by a person convicted of a felony.

Natalie LaBorde, Department of Corrections, no address given, (337) 654-6718, provided information relative to the registration and voting by a person convicted of a felony (Exhibit 3A).

Lani Durio, office of the secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 287-7476, provided information relative to the registration and voting by a person convicted of a felony.

Pete Fremin, office of probation and parole, 504 Mayflower, no address given, (225) 342-6608, provided information relative to the registration and voting by a person convicted of a felony.

Checo Yancy, VOTE, 251 Florida Street, Suite 201, no address given, (225) 270-5245, spoke for information only.

Bruce Reilly, VOTE, 2022 St. Bernard Avenue, no address given, (504) 758-9420, spoke for information only.

Discussion of reports received pursuant to Act No. 655 of the 2018 Regular Session

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, committee legislative analyst, addressed the committee relative to the reports received pursuant to Act No. 655 of the 2018 Regular Session. Ms. Lowrey stated that Act No. 655 requires most licensing boards of commissions that are authorized to issue a license or certificate pursuant to Title 37 to give notice that complaints can be submitted to the House Committee on Governmental Affairs and the board of the agency to which the complain applied. The Act also requires the boards to submit to the committee and the appropriate legislative oversight committee the number of complaints, the summary of actions, and disposition of the complaints. Ms. Lowrey stated that to date, the committee had received reports from 14 boards (Exhibit 4A).

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

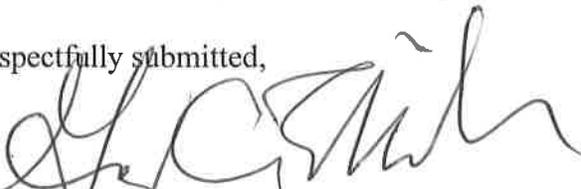
There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Ivey offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 4 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Gary Carter, Ivey, and Jenkins voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman Gregory A. Miller
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Date approved: _____

The committee has acknowledged on _____, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.